

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-16 are all the claims pending in the application. The Examiner rejects claims 1, 3, 4 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Yamasaki (US 2005/0083827). Claims 5-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 10-16 are allowed.

Applicant appreciates acknowledgement of foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) and the acceptance of the drawings.

Applicant cancels claims 1 and 3-9.

102(e) Rejections **Yamasaki Reference**

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). See, MPEP 2131.

The present invention is an immersion lens comprising a solid ellipsoid segment having a first reflecting surface and a second reflecting surface wherein the second reflecting surface is elliptical. The first reflecting surface reflects light from a "plane of incidence" to the second surface. The "plane of incidence" is formed at "the same position as a point symmetrical to [] a different focal point" and therefore has a point symmetrical to one of the two focal points of the second reflecting surface thereon. Any light incident on the "plane of incidence" would be reflected by the first and the second reflecting surfaces as if the light originated at one of the two focal points. See, Application, page 9, lines 20-23.

Claims 1, 3-4, and 9

Independent claims 1, 3-4, and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Yamasaki. The present invention relates to an optical head and an optical head device, and more particularly to an optical head which

is suited to be used for high-density recording/reading erasing of information to or from an optical recording medium and an optical head device using this optical head.

The Examiner cites Yamasaki for teaching a lens for an optical recording and reproducing system comprising: a plane of incidence on which a light generated from a light source is made incident; a first reflection side for reflecting a light passing through a plane of incidence; and a second reflection side for reflecting again the light that has been reflected on the first reflection side, the second reflection side being formed to be an ellipsoid side, and the first reflection side and the second reflection side being coated with a reflection material, wherein one of two focal points of ellipsoidal side is positioned on the first reflection side, and directs applicant's attention to Yamasaki Fig. 17.

Applicant cancels claims 1 and 3-9, and respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection in view of the amendments and remark. Applicant believes the application is now in condition for allowance.

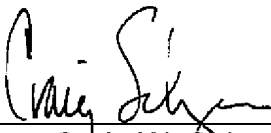
CONCLUSION

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain at issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at (213) 623-2221.

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